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In re Application of

LAPPE et al..

Application No.: 10/562,083 PCT No.: PCT/EP04/06858

Int. Filing Date: 24 June 2004 Priority Date: 27 June 2003

Attorney's Docket No.: 11336.1235

For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COORDINATING

THE ROUTES OF A PLURALITY OF DEVICES

DECISION ON

PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This is a decision on applicant's "Response to Dismissal of the Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b)", filed 23 July 2007 to permit petitioner (applicant) to file the above-captioned application on behalf of the non-signing inventors Dirk Lappe, Stefan Wolf, Hermann Dibos and Guido Hovestadt. Petitioner requested a four month extension of time, which is granted.

BACKGROUND

On 24 June 2004, applicant filed international application No. PCT/EP04/06858 which claimed a priority date of 27 June 2003, and which designated the United States. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States by the International Bureau on 06 January 2005.

On 23 December 2005, within 30 months from the priority date, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*; basic national filing fee.

On 24 March 2006, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS indicating that the oath or declaration of the inventor, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) must be furnished within two months from the mail date of the notice or the application would be abandoned. Extensions of time were available.

On 02 November 2006, petitioner filed a petition requesting that the above-identified application be accepted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(b).

On 25 January 2007, a decision dismissing the petition was mailed to applicant, indicating that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.47(b) had not been satisfied.

On 23 July 2007, applicant filed the instant response along with four declarations executed by the previously nonsigning inventors.

DISCUSSION

A review of the declarations reveals that the declarations identify and are executed by all

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the previously nonsigning inventors, and state the residency, citizenship and mailing address of each of these inventors. Thus, the declarations are acceptable and the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is considered moot as declarations executed by the previously unavailable inventors have been submitted and are acceptable under 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is considered <u>MOOT</u>. The declarations executed by the inventors and submitted on 23 July 2007 are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) and are acceptable.

This application is being forwarded to United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date is 27 July 2007.

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